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Re: Request for Approval of Amendment to Santa Clara Gaming Code

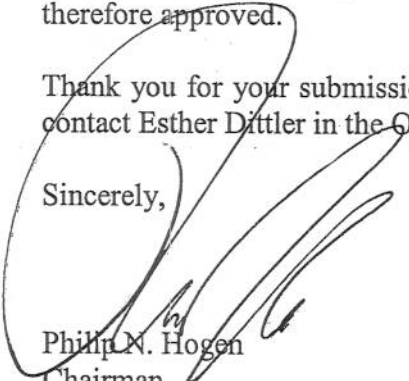
Dear Mr. Hughes:

This letter responds to your request to the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) to review and approve the amendment to the tribal gaming ordinance of the Santa Clara Pueblo Gaming Code (Tribe). The Tribe forwarded the amendment to the ordinance by Resolution No. 07-29 on October 5, 2007, and the NIGC received the amendment on October 11, 2007.

The amendment requires Tribal gaming commission employees to be subjected to a background check and licensed. The amendment is consistent with the requirements of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) and this agency's regulations, and it is therefore approved.

Thank you for your submission. If you have any questions or require assistance, please contact Esther Dittler in the Office of the General Counsel, at 202-632-7003.

Sincerely,



Philip N. Hogen
Chairman

cc: J. Michael Chavarria, Governor (Pueblo of Santa Clara)

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RESOLUTION NO. 07-29

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ENACTING AMENDMENT TO SANTA CLARA GAMING CODE

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 98-02, adopted by the Tribal Council on January 29, 1998, the Tribal Council adopted a revised gaming code, which code, and as subsequently amended, has been approved by the National Indian Gaming Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has concluded that the Code as amended requires further amendment, to specify that persons hired by the Santa Clara Pueblo Gaming Commission shall undergo and must successfully pass background investigations at least as stringent as those required of prospective gaming employees to be employed by the gaming enterprise;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Tribal Council of the Pueblo of Santa Clara, as follows:

1. The Santa Clara Gaming Code, as amended, and as codified in the 2006 Compilation of the Santa Clara Pueblo Tribal Code, is hereby further amended as follows:

Section 109.6 of the Gaming Code is amended by adding a new paragraph J, to read as follows:

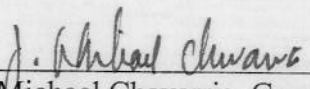
- J. The executive director and each person offered employment by the Commission in any position involving a regulatory or investigative function shall, prior to being given permanent employment (and in any event within thirty (30) days of commencing work) be required to undergo a background check identical to that required of gaming employees under the provisions of section 109.7 of this Code, and no person shall be employed by the Commission who is found not to be eligible for licensure under the standards set forth in section 109.7(C).

In all other respects, the Gaming Code shall remain in full force and effect.

2. The Pueblo's general counsel is authorized and directed to transmit a true copy of this Resolution to the Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission, for review and approval in accordance with the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

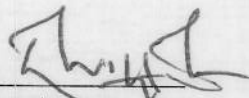
CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Governor of the Pueblo of Santa Clara, hereby certify that the Santa Clara Tribal Council, at a duly called meeting that was convened with proper notice and was held on the 25th day of September, 2007, at the Santa Clara Pueblo, New Mexico, a quorum being present, approved the foregoing Resolution with 7 members voting in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstaining and 4 being absent.



J. Michael Chavarria, Governor

Attest:



Tribal Secretary